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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of :	)	
Mitchen et al.	)	Examiner: To be Assigned
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Serial No. 10/018,546	)	
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Filed: June 17, 2002	)	Group Art Unit: 1641
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Title: Apparatus and Method for	)	
Determining Substances Contained	)	
in a Body Fluid	)	
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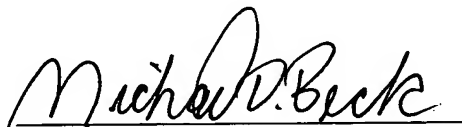
**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Sir:

The Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent Office inform the undersigned as to the status of the above-captioned patent application. No substantive action from the PTO has been received concerning the present application since Applicant's receipt of the Notice of Recordation of Assignment on November 29, 2002. There has also been a new Power of Attorney filed on November 4, 2003 and Accepted on December 4, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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